

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2698**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gonzalez**

February 21, 2014

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An act to amend Section 51220 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2698, as introduced, Gonzalez. Pupil instruction: courses of study: grades 7 to 12.

Existing law prescribes the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive. That course of study is required to include, English, social sciences, foreign language, physical education, science, mathematics, visual and performing arts, applied arts, career technical education, automobile driver education, and other studies that the governing board may prescribe.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in the provision described above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 51220 of the Education Code is amended
- 2     to read:
- 3     51220. The adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12,
- 4     inclusive, shall offer courses in the following areas of study:

1 (a) English, including *the* knowledge of and appreciation for  
2 literature, language, and composition, and the skills of reading,  
3 listening, and speaking.

4 (b) Social sciences, drawing upon the disciplines of  
5 anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science,  
6 psychology, and sociology, designed to fit the maturity of the  
7 pupils. Instruction shall provide a foundation for understanding  
8 the history, resources, development, and government of California  
9 and the United States of America; instruction in our American  
10 legal system, the operation of the juvenile and adult criminal justice  
11 systems, and the rights and duties of citizens under the criminal  
12 and civil law and the ~~State California and Federal United States~~  
13 Constitutions; the development of the American economic system,  
14 including the role of the entrepreneur and labor; the relations of  
15 persons to their human and natural environment; eastern and  
16 western cultures and civilizations; human rights issues, with  
17 particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide,  
18 slavery, and the Holocaust, and contemporary issues.

19 (c) Foreign language or languages, beginning not later than  
20 grade 7, designed to develop a facility for understanding, speaking,  
21 reading, and writing the particular language.

22 (d) Physical education, with emphasis given to physical activities  
23 that are conducive to health and to vigor of body and mind, as  
24 required by Section 51222.

25 (e) Science, including the physical and biological aspects, with  
26 emphasis on basic concepts, theories, and processes of scientific  
27 investigation and on the place of humans in ecological systems,  
28 and with appropriate applications of the interrelation and  
29 interdependence of the sciences.

30 (f) Mathematics, including instruction designed to develop  
31 mathematical understandings, operational skills, and insight into  
32 problem-solving procedures.

33 (g) Visual and performing arts, including dance, music, theater,  
34 and visual arts, with emphasis upon development of aesthetic  
35 appreciation and the skills of creative expression.

36 (h) Applied arts, including instruction in the areas of consumer  
37 and homemaking education, industrial arts, general business  
38 education, or general agriculture.

39 (i) Career technical education designed and conducted for the  
40 purpose of preparing youth for gainful employment in the

1 occupations and in the numbers that are appropriate to the  
2 personnel needs of the state and the community served and relevant  
3 to the career desires and needs of the pupils.

4 (j) Automobile driver education, designed to develop a  
5 knowledge of the provisions of the Vehicle Code and other laws  
6 of this state relating to the operation of motor vehicles, a proper  
7 acceptance of personal responsibility in traffic, a true appreciation  
8 of the causes, seriousness, and consequences of traffic accidents,  
9 and to develop the knowledge and attitudes necessary for the safe  
10 operation of motor vehicles. A course in automobile driver  
11 education shall include education in the safe operation of  
12 motorcycles.

13 (k) Other studies ~~as may be prescribed by~~ *that* the governing  
14 board *may prescribe*.